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North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.9 percent in November remained unchanged from the prior month. Nationally the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the month was 5.9, dropping 0.1 percent from the October rate of 6.0 From November a year ago, the state's unemployment rate was down 1.5 from 5.4 percent, and the national rate dropped 1.0 percent from 6.9.

The state's civilian labor force seasonally adjusted to 3,336,000 in November represented a net decrease of 14,000 from the October estimate of 3,350,000. Increasing 4.2 percent, the civilian labor force grew by 135,000 from the November 1986 figure of 3,201,000 to the November 1987 estimate.

After seasonal adjustments, employment showed a decline of 13,000 workers falling from 3,218,000 in October to 3,205,000 in November. The decrease amounted to a 0.4 percent loss. From November 1986, however, the number of employed persons increased by 176,000, or a 5.8 percent increase. Over the month, the number of persons unemployed was down 1,000, and from November 1986, the number unemployed decreased by 41,000.

Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment reached 2,864,100 in November, an increase of 13,500 from October. The month's growth in the nonmanufacturing sector (+9,600 or 0.5 percent) accounted for slightly over 71 percent of the employment increase. Leading the nonmanufacturing sector in employment growth were trade (+4,100), construction (+1,900), and service and miscellaneous (+1,900). Manufacturing employment increased 3,900 from October to November with the same growth rate as nonmanufacturing (+0.5 percent). The food industry's and the textile industry's employment was up 800 each over the month. Most industry divisions posted smaller gains. From November a year ago, nonagricultural employment increased by 3.7 percent (+102,800); nonmanufacturing by 3.9 percent (+75,300); and manufacturing by 3.3 percent (+27,500). Trade employment experienced a net yearly growth of 26,400, and the service and miscellaneous industry posted a gain of 21,800 workers. Over-the-year employment gains in textiles and apparel were 8,200 and 5,100, respectively.

At 27,969, the weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance in November was up 3,958 from October. Higher weeks claimed were reported in most industries of primary attachment than were reported the prior month. Claims filed by industry of attachment were highest in trade (+4,560), textiles (+3,723), construction (+3,193), services (+2,645), and apparel (+1,760).

Total individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in November numbered 11,160. There were 1,957 individuals placed in the service industry and 1,831 placed in trade. Placements in manufacturing industries amounted to 5,391. Individuals placed by occupation were highest in packaging and material handling (+2,094) and in benchwork (+1,958).

Production workers in manufacturing earned an average of six cents more per hour in November than in October. Tobacco workers saw an over-the-month increase of $1.10 an hour, while those in chemicals, electrical machinery, and transportation equipment earned $.17, $.09, and $.08 more an hour, respectively. Average weekly earnings were up $4.08 over the month, and the average weekly hours increased by 0.2. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers in hotels earned $.09 more an hour in November than in October. From November 1986 average hourly earnings for production workers were up $1.12 in fabricated metals; $.63 in tobacco; $.36 in printing; and $.33 in textiles. Mining workers received $.59 more an hour in November 1987 than they did a year ago.

There was an increase of 1,300 as the number of production workers rose from 683,300 in October to 684,600 in November. There was a gain of production workers in durable goods, while the number decreased in nondurables. Gains and losses were small throughout the manufacturing industries. From November 1986, the number of production workers increased by 17,900 as additions were posted in both durable and nondurable goods. Growth in the number of production workers was largest in textiles (+7,100) followed by furniture (+3,200). Of the published industry divisions, only the electrical machinery and tobacco industries lost production workers over the year.

Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

November 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: June 1987 through November 1987					
	Nov. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,785	4,836	4,843	4,848	4,854	4,861	4,867
Civilian Labor Force	3,201	3,292	3,322	3,306	3,313	3,350	3,336
Participation Rate 1/	66.9	68.1	68.6	68.2	68.3	68.9	68.5
Employed	3,029	3,143	3,171	3,165	3,182	3,218	3,205
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.3	65.0	65.5	65.3	65.6	66.2	65.9
Unemployed	172	149	151	141	131	132	131
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: September 1987 through November 1987		
	Nov. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,785	4,854	4,861	4,867
Civilian Labor Force	3,204	3,303	3,354	3,336
Participation Rate 1/	67.0	68.0	69.0	68.5
Employed	3,031	3,187	3,225	3,202
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.3	65.7	66.3	65.8
Unemployed	174	116	129	134
Unemployment Rate	5.4	3.5	3.9	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.4	1.1	0.9	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

November 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: June 1987 through November 1987					
	Nov. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,363	182,703	182,885	183,002	183,161	183,311	183,470
Civilian Labor Force	118,675	119,517	119,952	120,302	119,861	120,361	120,616
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.4	65.6	65.7	65.4	65.7	65.7
Employed	110,432	112,257	112,727	113,081	112,772	113,187	113,500
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.9	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.6	61.7	61.9
Unemployed	8,243	7,260	7,224	7,221	7,089	7,174	7,116
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: September 1987 through November 1987		
	Nov. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,363	183,161	183,311	183,470
Civilian Labor Force	118,623	119,884	120,744	120,611
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.5	65.9	65.7
Employed	110,751	113,027	113,898	113,809
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.1	61.7	62.1	62.0
Unemployed	7,872	6,857	6,845	6,802
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.7	5.7	5.6
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.5	1.8	1.8	INA*

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

November 1986-November 1987

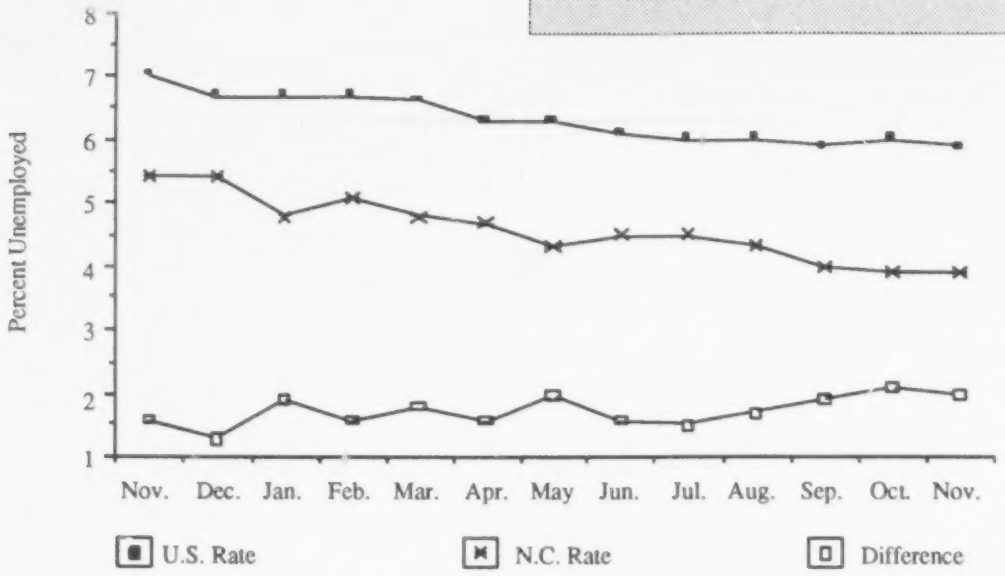

Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

November 1986-November 1987

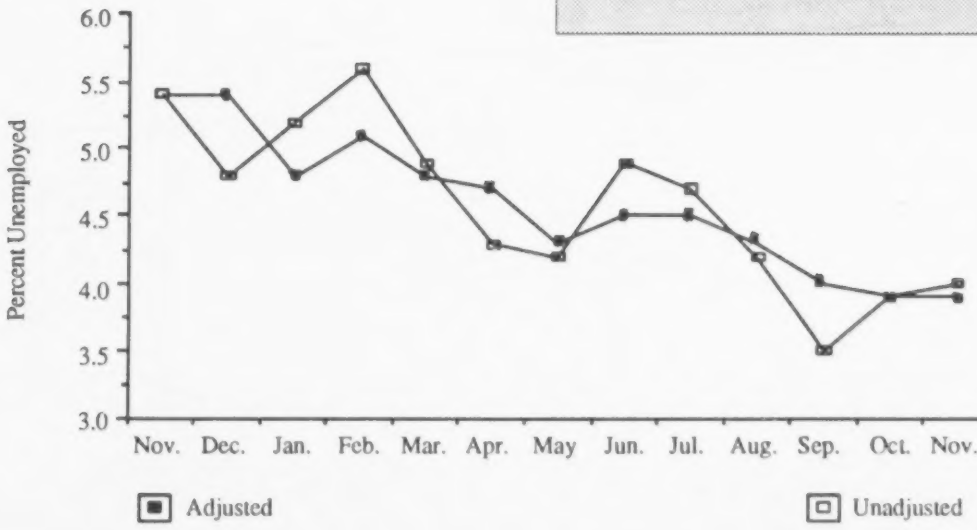

Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

November 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Change From: October 1987 Net	October 1987 Percent	November 1986 Net	November 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,335.8	3,354.1	3,204.2	- 18.3	- 0.5	+ 131.6	+ 4.1
Unemployment, Total	134.1	129.2	173.7	+ 4.9	+ 3.8	- 39.6	- 22.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	3.9	5.4	+ 0.1	-----	- 1.4	-----
Employment, Total	3,201.7	3,224.9	3,030.5	- 23.2	- 0.7	+ 171.2	+ 5.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,336.0	3,350.0	3,201.0	- 14.0	- 0.4	+ 135.0	+ 4.2
Unemployment, Total	131.0	132.0	172.0	- 1.0	- 0.8	- 41.0	- 23.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	3.9	5.4	0.0	-----	- 1.5	-----
Employment, Total	3,205.0	3,218.0	3,029.0	- 13.0	- 0.4	+ 176.0	+ 5.8
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,864.1	2,850.6	2,761.3	+ 13.5	+ 0.5	+ 102.8	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	861.1	857.2	833.6	+ 3.9	+ 0.5	+ 27.5	+ 3.3
Durable Goods	351.8	350.2	338.5	+ 1.6	+ 0.5	+ 13.3	+ 3.9
Lumber & Wood Products	37.5	37.4	37.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Furniture & Fixtures	89.5	89.5	85.6	0.0	0.0	+ 3.9	+ 4.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.5	21.5	20.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Primary Metals	11.8	11.7	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 7.3
Fabricated Metals	27.6	27.5	26.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.9
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.9	58.5	56.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.8	+ 5.0
Electrical Machinery	60.7	60.3	60.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Transportation Equipment	26.7	26.1	24.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.3	+ 2.1	+ 8.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.6	17.7	16.6	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 6.0

* Revised.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.
3/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

November 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Change From: October 1987 Net	October 1987 Percent	November 1986 Net	November 1986 Percent
Nondurable Goods	509.3	507.0	495.1	+ 2.3	+ 0.5	+ 14.2	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	47.3	47.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.7	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.1	23.5	26.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.6	- 2.3	- 8.7
Textile Mill Products	221.4	220.6	213.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.4	+ 8.2	+ 3.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.5	91.3	86.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 5.1	+ 5.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.1	21.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Printing & Publishing	27.8	27.8	27.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.6	37.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.0	32.1	31.1	- 0.1	- 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.5	4.7	4.3	- 0.2	- 4.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	2,003.0	1,993.4	1,927.7	+ 9.6	+ 0.5	+ 75.3	+ 3.9
Mining	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 0.1	- 2.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Construction	168.9	167.0	160.0	+ 1.9	+ 1.1	+ 8.9	+ 5.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	137.1	135.6	134.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.1	+ 2.7	+ 2.0
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.1	74.9	73.3	+ 1.2	+ 1.6	+ 2.8	+ 3.8
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.9	56.7	56.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	642.1	638.0	615.7	+ 4.1	+ 0.6	+ 26.4	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	146.8	144.6	142.4	+ 2.2	+ 1.5	+ 4.4	+ 3.1
Retail Trade	495.3	493.4	473.3	+ 1.9	+ 0.4	+ 22.0	+ 4.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.6	128.9	121.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 7.8	+ 6.4
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	484.4	482.5	462.6	+ 1.9	+ 0.4	+ 21.8	+ 4.7
Total Government	436.1	436.5	428.5	- 0.4	- 0.1	+ 7.6	+ 1.8
Federal	52.2	52.1	51.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
State	126.4	127.1	124.7	- 0.7	- 0.6	+ 1.7	+ 1.4
Local	257.5	257.3	252.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 5.5	+ 2.2
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	251.9	260.4	251.9	- 8.5	- 3.3	0.0	0.0
Agriculture	41.7	53.4	44.8	- 11.7	- 21.9	- 3.1	- 6.9

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Composition of Nonagricultural Employment in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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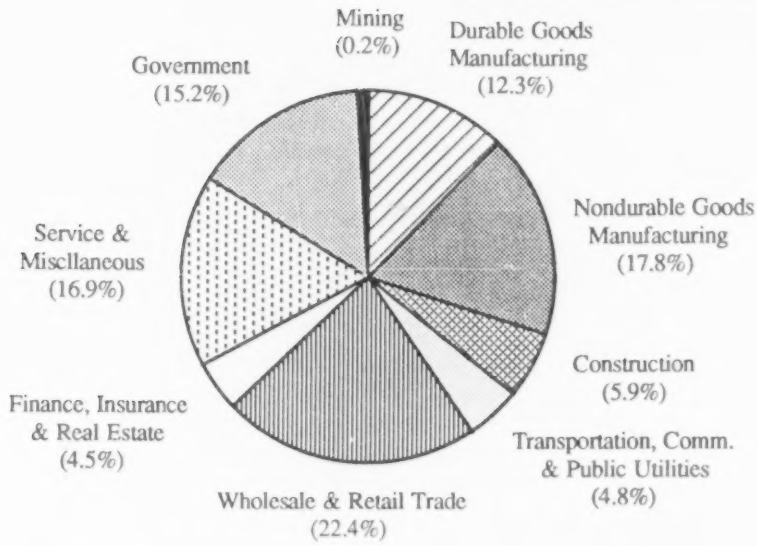

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Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina (Seasonally Adjusted)

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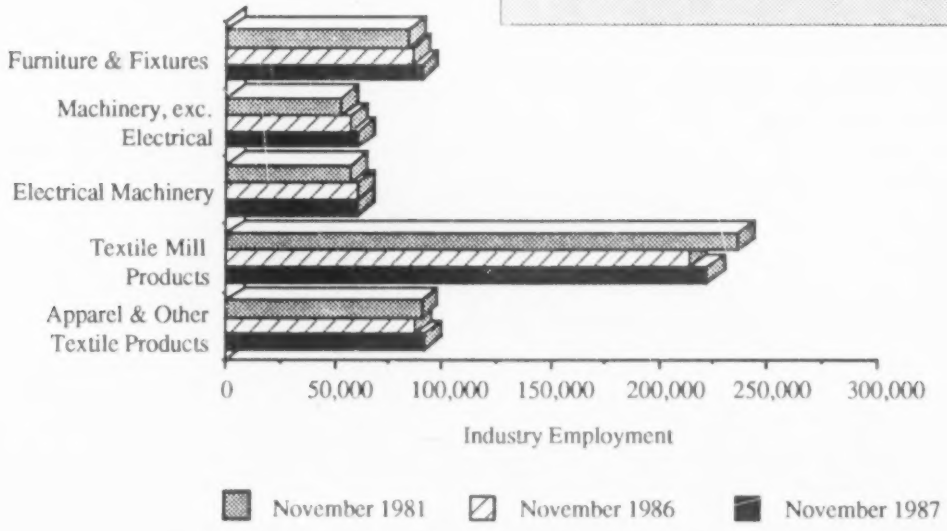

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

November 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	Weeks Claimed: % of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,684,001	27,969	1.0	+ 3,958	+ 16.5
Manufacturing Total	835,937	11,647	1.4	+ 1,494	+ 14.7
Food Products	47,574	633	1.3	+ 155	+ 32.4
Tobacco	24,997	91	0.4	+ 19	+ 26.4
Textile Products	216,581	3,723	1.7	+ 500	+ 15.5
Apparel Products	84,756	1,760	2.1	+ 210	+ 13.5
Lumber & Wood	38,081	860	2.3	+ 320	+ 59.3
Furniture & Fixtures	86,428	782	0.9	+ 10	+ 1.3
Paper & Allied	21,833	118	0.5	+ 14	+ 13.5
Printing & Publishing	28,019	312	1.1	- 2	- 0.6
Chemicals & Allied	39,051	241	0.6	+ 29	+ 13.7
Rubber & Plastics	31,727	384	1.2	+ 119	+ 44.9
Leather Products	3,546	27	0.8	- 14	- 34.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,185	240	1.2	+ 52	+ 27.7
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,307	426	1.1	- 32	- 7.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,038	460	0.8	+ 10	+ 2.2
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,178	925	1.6	+ 112	+ 13.8
Transportation Equipment	23,786	478	2.0	- 4	- 0.8
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,850	187	1.0	- 4	- 2.1
Construction	155,142	3,193	2.1	+ 685	+ 27.3
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	130,777	920	0.7	+ 113	+ 14.0
Trade	624,651	4,560	0.7	+ 690	+ 17.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	118,945	769	0.6	+ 98	+ 14.6
Services	421,786	2,645	0.6	+ 503	+ 23.5
State Government	112,508	315	0.3	+ 20	+ 6.8
Local Government	254,873	606	0.2	+ 52	+ 9.4
Other 3/	xxx	3,314	xxx	+ 303	+ 10.1

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

November 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	11,160	10,675	3 2	29	1,014
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	379	376	2	1	4
Clerical Occupations	1,342	1,314	4	1	24
Sales Occupations	416	370	1	0	0
Domestic Service Occupations	108	69	1	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,507	1,377	2	0	11
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	531	346	278	0	21
Processing Occupations	923	916	5	17	0
Machine Trade Occupations	1,463	1,457	7	2	24
Benchwork Occupations	1,958	1,933	0	0	0
Structural Work Occupations	1,306	1,282	2	1	869
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	258	254	4	1	21
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,094	1,977	28	6	48
Miscellaneous Occupations	49	49	0	0	0

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.
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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

November 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
5,391	589	1,831	106	1,957	288	601
44	10	42	11	165	102	169
223	151	526	56	290	72	204
13	7	314	5	28	4	6
0	0	1	0	67	0	5
80	5	461	15	794	43	124
8	0	15	5	10	11	10
858	0	30	2	4	3	4
1,325	8	51	0	41	2	6
1,749	0	38	1	159	0	0
288	13	28	12	83	28	28
25	99	66	0	31	12	16
1,041	275	304	0	334	5	23
10	28	0	0	4	7	7

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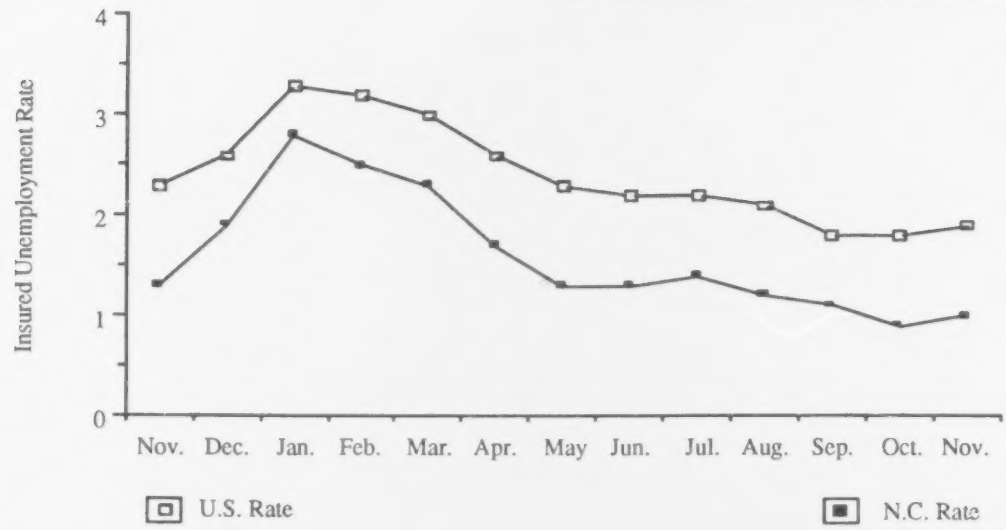

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Individuals Placed in Jobs through the Employment Security Commission by Major Industrial Category

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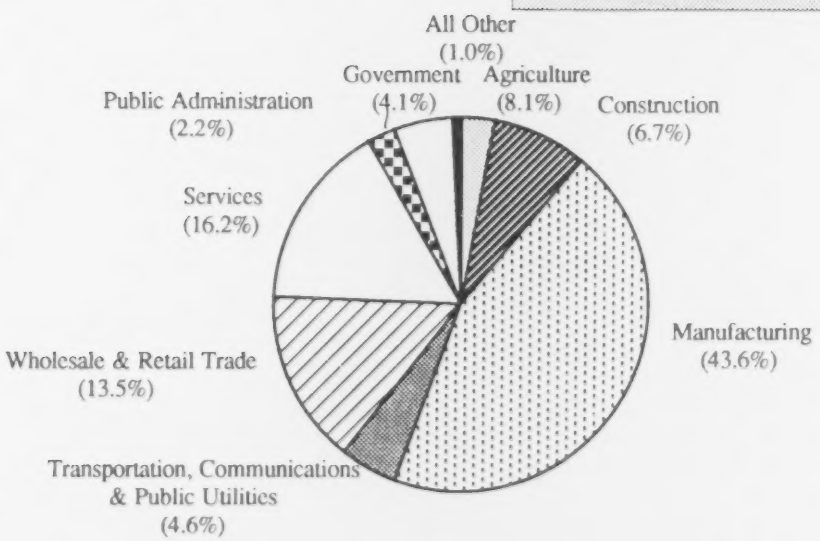

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Table II — *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina*

Figure I — *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina*

Figure II — *Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared to the North Carolina Average*

Table III — *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

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November 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,891.1	2,880.1	2,791.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	863.8	861.8	839.8	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	352.3	350.0	339.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.9
Lumber and Wood Products	37.5	37.3	37.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	90.1	89.5	86.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.7	21.7	20.9	0.0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.8	11.7	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 7.3
Fabricated Metal Products	27.7	27.4	26.4	+ 1.1	+ 4.9
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.7	58.3	55.9	+ 0.7	+ 5.0
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Other Durable Goods 2/	17.7	17.8	16.7	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Nondurable Goods	511.5	511.8	500.7	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	48.5	48.2	47.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.4	26.3	27.8	- 3.4	+ 8.6
Textile Mill Products	221.6	221.0	213.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	92.3	92.4	90.3	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Paper and Allied Products	22.2	22.1	21.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	27.9	27.7	27.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.4	37.6	37.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.7	31.8	30.8	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.7	4.3	- 4.3	+ 4.7

* Revised.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

November 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	2,027.3	2,018.3	1,952.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	170.6	170.8	161.6	- 0.1	+ 5.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	137.6	137.0	135.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.8	76.4	74.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.6	56.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	649.4	643.4	623.0	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	147.2	147.5	142.7	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Retail Trade	502.2	495.9	480.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	129.5	129.0	121.7	+ 0.4	+ 6.4
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	483.4	485.9	461.7	- 0.5	+ 4.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	26.7	27.3	26.7	- 2.2	0.0
Total Government	451.9	447.3	444.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
Federal	52.2	52.2	51.8	0.0	+ 0.8
State	133.2	130.9	131.5	+ 1.8	+ 1.3
Local	266.5	264.1	260.9	+ 0.9	+ 2.1

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2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.
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4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

November 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov.* 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov.* 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$331.06	$326.98	$314.71	41.8	41.6	41.3	$ 7.92	$ 7.86	$ 7.62
DURABLE GOODS	343.60	341.54	327.47	41.8	41.6	41.4	8.22	8.21	7.91
Lumber & Wood Products	285.52	285.48	271.83	41.2	40.9	41.0	6.93	6.98	6.63
Furniture & Fixtures	296.87	295.25	279.40	40.5	40.5	39.8	7.33	7.29	7.02
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	362.41	368.01	349.03	41.8	42.3	41.8	8.67	8.70	8.35
Primary Metal Industries	407.83	394.06	387.47	43.9	42.1	43.1	9.29	9.36	8.99
Fabricated Metal Industries	409.17	411.52	354.48	42.8	42.6	42.0	9.56	9.66	8.44
Machinery, exc. Electrical	377.11	383.59	377.56	43.0	43.1	43.1	8.77	8.90	8.76
Electrical Machinery	381.31	374.82	369.30	42.7	42.4	42.4	8.93	8.84	8.71
Transportation Equipment	391.53	378.25	372.77	43.6	42.5	42.7	8.98	8.90	8.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	322.76	317.82	306.94	41.7	41.6	41.2	7.74	7.64	7.45
Food & Kindred Products	288.75	283.79	268.11	40.9	40.6	38.8	7.06	6.99	6.91
Tobacco Manufacturers	557.11	516.15	487.56	41.7	42.1	38.3	13.36	12.26	12.73
Textile Mill Products	303.02	297.22	287.55	42.8	42.4	42.6	7.03	7.01	6.75
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	209.93	211.53	203.90	38.1	38.6	38.4	5.51	5.48	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	500.61	506.21	501.75	45.1	44.6	45.0	11.10	11.35	11.15
Printing & Publishing	370.52	365.64	352.54	40.1	39.7	39.7	9.24	9.21	8.88
Chemicals & Allied Products	454.46	451.26	429.42	43.2	43.6	42.1	10.52	10.35	10.20
Plastics & Synthetics	503.33	499.07	487.45	44.9	44.8	43.6	11.21	11.14	11.18
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	420.23	412.37	392.04	43.1	42.6	42.2	9.75	9.68	9.29
MINING	402.62	419.13	352.64	45.7	47.9	42.9	8.81	8.75	8.22
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	498.57	521.14	507.60	40.9	42.3	42.3	12.19	12.32	12.00
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	208.65	209.63	203.78	32.1	32.3	32.5	6.50	6.49	6.27
Wholesale Trade	334.96	335.91	323.53	39.5	39.8	39.6	8.48	8.44	8.17
Retail Trade	175.46	174.86	171.11	30.2	30.2	30.5	5.81	5.79	5.61
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	147.11	150.21	144.27	29.9	31.1	30.5	4.92	4.83	4.73

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

November 1987

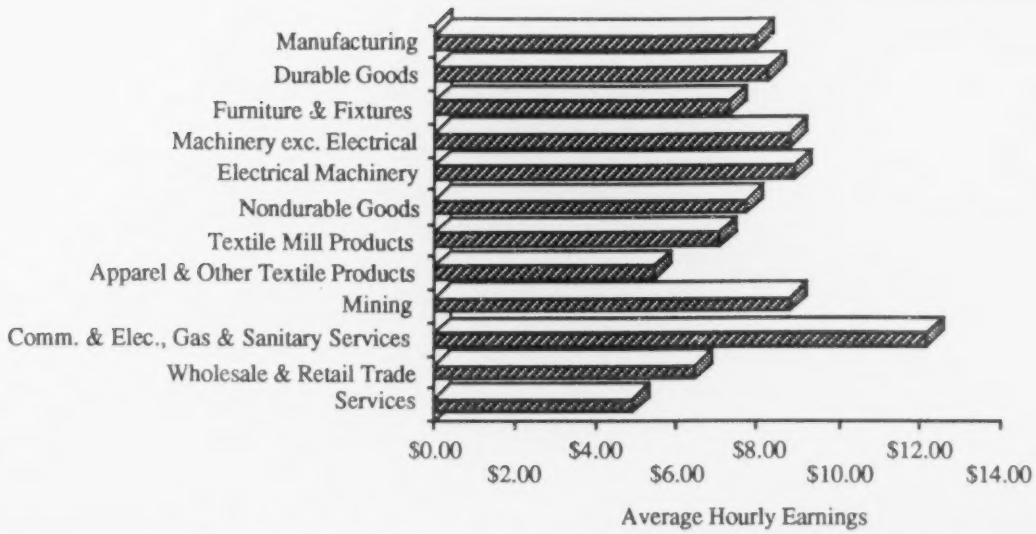

Figure II

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

November 1987

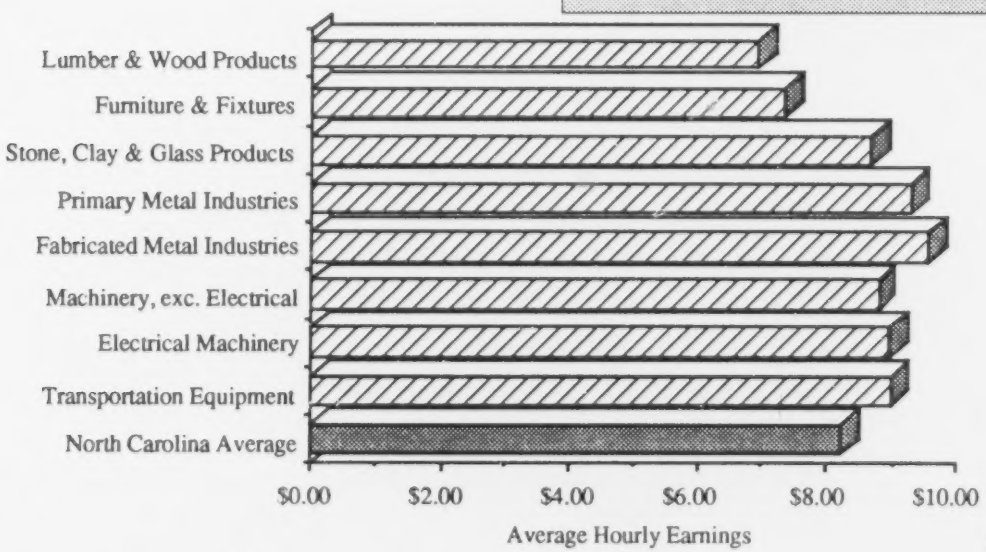

Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

November 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Manufacturing	684.6	683.3	666.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Durable Goods	265.4	263.6	256.7	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Lumber and Wood Products	31.8	31.7	31.8	+ 0.3	0.0
Furniture and Fixtures	78.7	78.2	75.5	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.8	0.0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.7	8.5	8.2	+ 2.4	+ 6.1
Fabricated Metal Products	20.8	20.6	19.8	+ 1.0	+ 5.1
Machinery, exc. Electrical	29.3	29.1	28.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.9	43.5	44.0	+ 0.9	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	21.4	21.1	19.7	+ 1.4	+ 8.6
Other Durable Goods	13.1	13.3	12.6	- 1.5	+ 4.0
Nondurable Goods	419.2	419.6	410.0	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	34.6	34.5	33.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.9	21.0	21.9	- 5.2	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	195.9	195.3	188.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.6	80.6	79.1	0.0	+ 1.9
Paper and Allied Products	16.7	16.7	16.4	0.0	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	17.3	17.1	17.0	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.4	24.3	0.0	+ 0.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.0	26.1	25.3	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.8	4.0	3.6	- 5.0	+ 5.6

* Revised.
1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.
2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.